



**District of Columbia
Office of the State Superintendent of Education**

Office of Public Charter School Financing and Support

**Grants Available to Support Training for FY 2010 Conditionally Approved Public Charter
Schools Opening 2012**

The Office of Public Charter School Financing and Support (“OPCSFS”), within the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (“OSSE”), supports “Conditionally Approved Applicants” (“Applicants”) for public charter school status in the planning, development and design of their proposed public charter schools and whose intention is to open their schools during SY 2011-2012. The Applicant schools are:

1. Inspired Teaching Demonstration school;
2. Mundo Verde Bilingual;
3. Richard Wright School for Journalism and Media Arts; and
4. Shining Stars Montessori Academy.

The OPCSFS is providing grants of up to \$6,500 per Applicant to sponsor three (3) members from each group to attend the National Alliance for Public Charter School Conference held in Chicago, IL, June 28, 2010 through July 1, 2010. The conference will assist their efforts with final preparations for Public Charter School Board approval status. To be awarded these funds, each Applicant will complete the Attachment A: Conditional Applicant Profile and email it to matthews.wright@dc.gov clearly labeled “**2010 Support Training Grant RFA # GD0-STG-10**”.

The Applicants will select the services of a sponsor to provide upfront funding. The selected sponsor for this grant will invoice OPCSFS with the appropriate receipts. For reimbursement purposes, the sponsoring agency must provide supporting documentation for expenditures which are limited to:

1. Airfare, Ground Transportation
2. Registration fees
3. Approved GSA per diem costs and lodging rates

An agency eligible to sponsor these Applicants must be a tax-exempt District of Columbia organization including other public charter schools, and not-for-profit public charter support organizations, who have received prior grants from OPCSFS. These grant funds may only be used as reimbursement to the sponsor for costs incurred to finance the Applicant expenditures of airfare, registration fee, approved GSA per diem costs and lodging rates associated with conference attendance.

A complete but brief follow-up report from each Applicant is due to OPCSFS two-weeks following their return from the conference or no later than **July 19, 2010**.

Source of Grant Funding

OSSE receives an annual federal payment to support public charters schools and facilities financing grants, such as this grant.

Eligible Applicants

The following entities are eligible for this support:

- DC educational entities that are currently “Conditionally Approved” by the Public Charter School Board of the District of Columbia for public charter school status to open as a public charter school SY 2012.

All eligible applicants will receive the requested funds through the selected sponsor.

Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Application Submission Date and Time

The Applicants will complete the Attachment A: **Conditional Applicant Profile**; which is due no later than two weeks after the issuance of this RFA. The Conditional Applicant Profile **must be** completed and emailed to matthews.wright@dc.gov and clearly labeled “**2010 Support Training Grant RFA # GD0-STG-10**”.

Office of the State Superintendent of Education
810 First Street, NE 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Contact Person

Applicants are advised that the Authorized Contact Person for all matters concerning this Request for Applications is:

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ATTACHMENT A

Conditional Applicant Profile

**2010 Support Training Grant
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Fiscal Agent: _____

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Office Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Project Goal in attending 2010 National Charter School Conference:

Expected Outcomes regarding Project Goal (list 1-3 qualitative outcomes)

Names/Signatures and Titles of Convention Participants:

National Charter School Conference
Follow up Report to OPCSFS

Directions: Please consider these questions for guidance in the preparation of your follow up report to the Office of Public Charter School Financing and Support. Your feedback will assist us in future efforts to work with Applicants and their effort to gain public charter school status.

1. What area or areas in your Public Charter School Board application are you seeking information to strengthen your proposed public charter school project? Please indicate your choice (s).
 - a. Governance
 - b. Facilities
 - c. Curriculum Design
 - d. Assessment
2. Did you meet your goal regarding the convention and your expectations? What was it and did you realize your qualitative outcomes?
3. How did your chosen sessions, at the convention, correlated with your needs regarding your proposed public charter school project?
4. Where you able to network with like entities and will it assist your project?
5. Overall, would you say the experience was useful in furthering your public charter school project to approval status? How?
6. Please add any comments that lend to the strengthening of your proposed public charter school project.